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CAIRO -- Mr. Bruce Taylor Odell, the U.S. Embassy official questioned by Egyptian security authorities in connection with the arrest of a Cairo newspaper editor, has left here for Washington, an embassy spokesman said on July 25.

Mr. Odell, 36, was detained for questioning for 90 minutes on July 21 but was released after claiming diplomatic immunity. He was with the embassy's political section. The embassy spokesman said Mr. Odell was returning to Washington for consultations at the State Department. His family remained in Cairo.

Mr. Mustapha Amin, editor of the influential Al-Akhbar, was arrested as he was handing Mr. Odell a document containing military information, according to a statement issued by the Middle East News Agency at the time.

On July 26 Al-Ahram said Mr. Odell "has been repatriated" and "will not return here." It said his family would join him shortly.

The State Department in Washington on July 23 denied that Mr. Odell had received a document from Mr. Amin or that he was an intelligence agent. It said Mr. Odell had with him notes of conversations with a number of people on various subjects and it was believed that these notes had been taken. It was completely normal that American officials should be in touch with a person of Mr. Amin's standing.

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The newspaper Al-Gomhouria on July 29 accused United States intelligence services of interfering in Cairo-Washington relations and attempting to set up a puppet government in the United Arab Republic.

Were it possible for an intelligence service to topple governments, that of the United States would have toppled all the revolutionary and liberation regimes in the world, the newspaper added. However, even the American intelligence service was incapable of overthrowing a regime that was meant to survive or saving a regime doomed to fall.

Another article in the newspaper said American intelligence had been trying over the past 13 years to destroy the national leadership in the U.A.R. and replace it with a lackey. Towards this aim they had interfered with Washington-Cairo relations, brought about the replacement of ten U.S. ambassadors in the Middle East and staffed American embassies with their men.

In recent weeks American intelligence has resorted to its old methods of sowing dissension and suspicion, the article said. They considered all national leaderships as obstacles to their aims and did not rule out assassination as a means of destroying them. The article concluded by saying that the only result of such activities would be the isolation of the United States.